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... an applicant may incorporate by reference the prior application by including, in the application-as-filed, a statement that such specifically enumerated prior application or

applications are "hereby incorporated herein by reference." The statement may appear in the specification or in the application transmittal letter. The inclusion of this incorporation by reference of the prior application(s) will permit an applicant to amend the continuing application to include any subject matter in such prior application(s), without the need for a petition. (emphasis supplied)

Pages 7 and 9 submitted with the petition will not be entered at this time. The original application papers will include only those application papers present on the date of deposit.

The Application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of October 26, 2001, using only the application papers filed on October 26, 2001.

Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to the appropriate group art unit for consideration by the examiner of the RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS, as an amendment requesting the entry of pages 7 and 9. The pages will be reviewed by the examiner for new matter. See MPEP 608.02(a).

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